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REMARKS

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1. On 29 October 1953, the Neues Lager in Koenigsbrueck was occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia.

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2. On 29 October, at least 500 fuel drums were in the yard of Altes Lager. About 20 troops were shipping full and empty fuel drums in the barracks area.

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3. Between 19 and 27 October, about 40 soldiers were repeatedly seen receiving basic training, drill at platoon level and close-combat training near the Gruenmetz mill in the area of Neues Lager, Koenigsbrueck. On 20 October, reports of rocket launchers were heard and driving practice with motorcycles was observed.

4. On 19 October, T-34 tanks left the Nachrichten Schule for firing practice in the Lausitz Heath. On 21 October, an undetermined number of troops received telephone training in the area of the Nachrichten Schule and about 180 recruits wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the barracks yard.² At about 8:30 a.m., T-34 tanks left the quartering area.

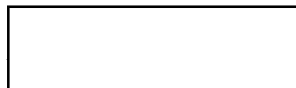
5. Troop trains observed at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station included a train of 15 boxcars and 24 flatcars with sideracks, proceeding toward Bad Berka on 6 October;³ and a train of 10 boxcars and 30 flatcars with sideracks, arriving from the direction of Erfurt on 18 October.³

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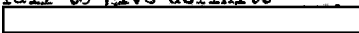
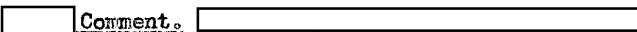
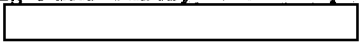
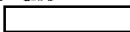
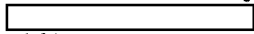
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1. Comment. This and previous information fail to give definite indications for the occupation of Neues Lager. 
2. Comment.  the 44th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div can, among other units, be carried in the Nachrichten Schule as previously. 
3. Comment. The two shipments tend to indicate that units of the First Gds Mecz Army participated in the maneuvers in Thuringia. 
 the train to Bad Berka presumably carried an artillery unit.

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